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## Local and General.

A. W. Hunter, now of Armstrong B.C., is visiting relatives and old friends here.

The Ayrshire cattle sold well at the auction sale held at the Agricultural grounds Tuesday.

E. K. Strathy has returned from Prince Rupert for a stay of a few weeks with his family here.

Miss Trevor, who has spent the past three months in the east, returned to Lacombe Saturday last.

Mrs. P. Slaughter left Saturday for British Columbia, where she will spend several weeks with her husband.

The famous Tom Marks, with a first class company, will be at Day's opera house, Lacombe, December 17, 18 and 19.

The Lacombe hockey boys are rapidly getting into form for the season's games. Arrangements are under way for a game on Christmas day.

The Young Men's Club is arranging for a skating carnival at the rink on December 15. The usual prizes are offered for races and costumes, and refreshments will be on sale during the evening.

Among the Christmas decorations of Lacombe, that in the show windows of the W. E. Lord Co. is particularly meritorious. It is enough to make one hungry for all the good things of the festive season just to look at it.

On Monday, at the school house the members of Lacombe's champion basket ball team were presented with handsome souvenir gold rings. Each ring is engraved with the initials of the recipient, the words "Strathcona 1908," and "L. B. B." The members of the champion team are May Talbot, Isabel Simpson, Pearl Frizzell, Elsie Cameron, Dora Talbot, Elsie Browne, Jessie Glass and Carrie Glass. The presentation was made by Miss Best, and Dr. Simpson was master of ceremonies.

## A GOOD WATCH

A good watch is a friend for a life time. A poor one—well, a poor one isn't worth having at any price.

Our reputation is staked on every watch we sell. Stands to reason, therefore, that we sell only what we know to be reliable.

A good watch forms an ideal Christmas Gift.

**Prices from \$5 to \$100**

**C. R. DENIKE,**  
Graduate Optician  
and Watchmaker.

Barnett Ave. Lacombe  
"Sign of the Gold Clock"  
Open Evenings until Xmas

### FREE SEED GRAIN SAMPLES

Distribution of Seed Grain and Potatoes from the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa 1908-9

By instruction of the Hon. Minister of Agriculture a distribution is being made this season of samples of superior sorts of grain and potatoes to Canadian farmers for the improvement of seed. The stock for distribution has been secured mainly from the Experimental Farms at Indian Head, Sask., and Brandon, Man. The samples consist of oats, spring wheat, barley, peas, Indian corn (for ensilage only) and potatoes. The quantity of oats sent is 4 lbs., and of wheat or barley 5 lbs., sufficient in each case to sow one-twentieth of an acre. The samples of Indian corn peas and potatoes weigh 8 lbs each. A quantity of each of the following varieties has been secured for this distribution:

Oats.—Banner, Danish Island, Wide-Awake, White Giant, Thousand and Dollar, Improved Ligow, all white varieties.

Wheat.—Red varieties, Red Fife (beardless), Chelsea, Marquis, Stanley and Percy (early bearded), Preston, Huron and Pringle's Champlain (early bearded). White varieties, White Fife (beardless), Bobe (early bearded).

Barley.—Six-rowed, Mersury, Odessa, and Mansfield. Two-rowed, Invincible and Canadian Thorpe.

Field Peas.—Arthur and Golden Vine.

Indian Corn [for ensilage].—Early sorts, Angel of Midnight, Compton's Early and Longfellow; later varieties, Selected Leamington, Mastodon and White Cap Yellow Dent.

Potatoes—Early varieties, Rochester Rose, and Irish Cobbler. Medium to late varieties, Carmarthen No. 1, Money Maker, Gold Coin and Dooley. The later varieties are as a rule more productive than the earlier kinds.

Only one sample can be sent to each applicant, hence if an individual receives a sample of oats he cannot also receive one of wheat, barley, peas, Indian corn or potatoes.

Lists of names from one individual, or applications for more than one sample for one household cannot be entertained.

The sample will be sent free of charge through the mail.

Applications should be addressed to the Director of Experimental Farms, Ottawa, and may be sent in any time from the 1st of December to the 15th of February, after which the lists will be closed, so that the samples asked for may be sent out in good time for sowing. Applicants should mention the variety they prefer, with a second sort as an alternative. Applications will be filled in the order in which they are received, so long as the supply of seed lasts. Farmers are advised to apply early to avoid possible disappointment.

Those applying for Indian corn or potatoes should bear in mind that the corn is not usually distributed until April, and that potatoes cannot be mailed un-

till danger from frost in transit is over. No postage is required on mail matter addressed to the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

Wm. Saunders, Director of Experimental Farms.

### TOWN COUNCIL MEETING.

Council met in regular session Tuesday evening. Present: Mayor Trimble, Councillors Vickerson, Murphy, McDermid, Kent and Hotson. Minutes of last regular session and adjourned and special sessions read and with slight correction approved.

A communication was read from the Stratford Bridge Co., soliciting an order for an improved sidewalk snow plow.

A number of communications were read from financial firms re debentures, short time loans, etc. Resignation of L. B. Browne, as councillor was read, and a motion was carried that resignation be accepted, to take effect when successor is elected.

Report was read from Engineer Neville re graveling of Barnett avenue and bills presented for engineering work in connection with same.

A communication was read from Fernie Fire Relief Committee, thanking Lacombe for financial assistance at time of the great Fernie fire.

Constable Miller reported that a police headquarters building about 10 by 14 feet could be erected adjoining the Town Hall at a cost of about \$125. The matter was left in the hands of the committee.

Mayor Trimble's bylaw to repeal the bylaw prohibiting voting by people who have not paid their taxes, came up for the third reading, and evoked considerable discussion.

Constable Vickerson opposed the repeal of the bylaw. He considered it a business proposition.

If a man does not pay his taxes he has no right to vote. The bylaw does not disfranchise the man; he disfranches himself by failure to pay his taxes.

Councillor Murphy took the same view. He considered the existing bylaw a good one and thought it would be a serious financial mistake to repeal it.

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## GANANOQUE MAN OUT OF TROUBLE

HAD RHEUMATISM, BUT DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS CURED IT.

Hugh Abernethy on His Fast Against the River Jordan.

**Gananoque, Ont. (Special)—** That Rheumatism can be cured surely, simply and permanently is the good news that Hugh Abernethy, a well-known author and lecturer, is spreading among his neighbors.

"I had suffered from Rheumatism and stiffness of the joints," Mr. Abernethy said, "and I could not stand or crawl. I could not sleep and I had terrible headaches. I took many different medicines but nothing did me any good till I tried Dodd's Kidney Pills. Six boxes put me on my feet again."

Others who have taken Mr. Abernethy's advice and used Dodd's Kidney Pills have been equally successful in the cure of the old reliable Canadian Kidney remedy.

**Dodd's Kidney Pills cure Rheumatism and other blood diseases by curing the Kidneys.** Dodd's Kidney Pills are free from impurities. And with no impurities, such as uric acid in the blood, you cannot have such painful and dangerous disease as Pain in the Back, Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Heart Disease.

Keep your Kidneys strong and well with Dodd's Kidney Pills and you can put the cold wet days of fall without a fear of Rheumatism.

The train comes whizzing down the track.

And halts amid the cheers,

And on the platform at the back

The candidate appears.

His words are from plain,

And then the engine hoarsely shrieks

And drags away the train.

—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Why suffer from corns when they can be painlessly rooted out by using Holloway's Corn Cure.

**The Boston boy baby contemptuously rejected the alphabet blocks that some misguided western relative had sent him as a present.** "All the little things in diversions, he exclaims, "playing on one's acuteness and unquestionably the most trivial."—Chicago Tribune.

**DEAFNESS CANNOT BE CURED** by local applications, as they do not reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an infection of the middle ear, or lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a running sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will never be restored even if the cause out of ear are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circular.

F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 76c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Howard—And how did the plain widow Perkins capture the fastidious Mawker?

Howard—Oh, took him out in her car and showed him a few hundred of her building lots.

Howard—Ah! I see—a case of love at first sight.—Harper's Weekly.

Repeat it:—"Shiloh's Cure will always cure my coughs and colds."

A lawyer came into court, demanding what the Judge said to him: "I am sorry to see you in a situation which is a disgrace to yourself and family, and the profession to which you belong."

The lawyer elicited the following colloquy:

"Did your Honor speak to me?"

"I did, sir, I said, sir, that in my opinion it was disgraceful to you and family, the court and the profession, by your course of conduct."

"May it please your Honor, I have a case to bring before you, and permit me to say, your Honor, that this is the first correct opinion I ever knew you to give."—Philadelphia Ledger.

**Our New Hair Vigor**

Ayer's Hair Vigor was good, the best that was made. But Ayer's Hair Vigor, new improved formula, is better. It is the one great specific for falling hair. A new bottle. New contents. Ask your druggist to show it to you, "the new kind."

*Does not change the color of the hair.*

**Formulas with each bottle.**

**Share it with your wife.**

**Take care of your hair.**

**Don't let it go to waste.**

**Buy it at your druggist.**

**It is the best hair tonic.**

**It does not change the color of the hair.**

**Made by the U. S. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.**

**As we now make our New Hair Vigor it does not have the slightest effect upon the color of the hair. You may use it now and then, but long continued use will not change the color.**

**And hair grows longer and thicker.**

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**Cures dandruff.**

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### A DIFFICULT BATH.

**Exciting Time in the Dead Sea and the River Jordan.**

It is well known that the waters of the Dead sea are much heavier than those of the ocean. This is due to the great amount of salt held in solution. A few years ago Mr. (now Sir) Hill, English, made a trial of swimming in the sea, and then in the Jordan to compare the two. He tells the results in his book, "With the Devil."

Many tourists while at Jericho bathe in the Dead sea and the Jordan, and for very shame I could not pass by without doing so. But I was not a swimmer. I went with one of the Jericho sharks, and one of the muleteers, and we rode first to the Dead sea. Its waters are generally perfectly still, and the invitation is out to whoever enters my door. To that people will smile as they read the card, and I want them to continue the act while in here.

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Then we galloped off to the Jordan, and I thought I should need a cool bath. So I cast about for a suitable place to jump in, for I did not like to crawl in ignominiously at the pilgrim bathing place, near which were full, and when others were swimming, I was afraid I would have been the wisest course to adopt.

But when I was just about to put my foot to the ground I was brought up sharp with a tremendous blow on my right side. I had struck a rock, and the heat would have surely killed me on the spot. I had come down on to the end of a stake pointing upstream and driven it to the bottom, flooding out of the Jordan, striking out in the fullest force of the current.

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I wanted to take a header. So, preparing a long stick, I ascended the bank, and with a cool bath made sure of finding with it of a deep spot under an overhanging tree.

In I plunged, intending to swim down to the regular bath place, where I knew there must be a cool bottom for getting out. Down I came with the fast flowing yellow flood, striking out in the fullest force of the current.

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### FALSE PRETENCES.

No Marine Department Prosecutions—Patronage Lists May Be Cancelled, But Patronage Goes On as Before.—Official Duplicity—Advising Economy by Letter and Authorizing Extravagance by Telephone; Heading off Inquiry Into Campaign Contributions.—Fielding Goes a Borrowing.

Ottawa, Nov. 21.—Two weeks ago the minister of marine made two announcements to prove that his department retained rudiments of conscience notwithstanding the declaration of the Royal Commission to the contrary. Mr. Brodeur informed the country, which had been startled with the fresh revelations from Quebec that all officials who took commissions, and all the contractors who paid them would be prosecuted. He also was quoted as saying that the patronage list would be abolished. This pledge of virtue was distributed by government organs with high editorial praise.

#### No Change.

But nothing has happened. No official or contractor has been arrested, and no one seems to be alarmed. The very contractors who were to be prosecuted are still supplying goods at highly profitable monopoly prices to other departments, and even to the Department of marine. It may be that sometime in the future a few subordinates, who have no party pull, will be punished, but no peril awaits the principle officials who have been appointed by this government and are implicated. As for the large contractors concerned, most of them are important members of the government party. They will not only escape prosecution, but are almost sure to retain patronage and continue their contributions to the campaign fund. They are fresh from labor and contributions in the party interest in the recent fight. Mr. Brodeur has not spurned their campaign offerings.

#### The Patronage List.

It is true that Mr. Brodeur has written a letter to his deputy, directing him to instruct the agents "to disregard the patronage list." But this published document gave no instructions to purchase supplies in the open market to the best advantage, and no hint as to the course to be pursued. Evidently these private instructions have been sent out. Though this letter was written nearly three weeks ago, no general calls for tenders have appeared since, and so far as can be learned no purchases have been made from dealers who are not supporters of the government. In short, if the old patronage list has been cancelled, it has been replaced by a new one. When the accounts are seen it will be found that the purchases are made from the same favoured persons. There is now a purchasing agent at Ottawa for the Department. He has been at work

since last spring. He was appointed on account of the Royal Commission exposures, but has gone on buying from dealers on the patronage list just the same as the party did before it employed him. So far as the department has gone, since it was convicted of lack of conscience, it has continued to justify the verdict, adding the additional offence of false pretence and hypocrisy.

#### An Example of Duplicity.

Two incidents in the Quebec inquiry are worthy of record. One occurred in connection with agent Gregory's evidence. Mr. Gregory testified that he frequently reported to Ottawa that the patronage system increased the price of supplies. He swore that he has nevertheless been compelled by orders from Ottawa to continue it. To offset this, counsel for the government showed the agent a letter to him from the deputy minister, objecting to prices paid and finding fault with the general scale of extravagance prevailing at Quebec. Mr. Gregory admitted receiving this letter, but swore that he had received it at the same time instruction by telephone from his superior at Ottawa to pay no attention to the official censure, but to go on satisfying friends of the government who had goods to sell. The department had explained to Mr. Gregory by telephone that the letter was written to show, but not to be obeyed.

**Public and Private Instructions.** This startling statement was confirmed by Senator Choquette, former judge, and lately chief government organizer of the Quebec district. The Senator produced a letter from Ottawa to Mr. Gregory which gave the same private instructions in favor of extravagance as Gregory had received by telephone. This letter was handed by Senator Choquette to Judge Cassells, who read it, but did not place it on the record as it contained other private matter. With this evidence of charming duplicity the public can understand the value of official correspondence touching matters of patronage. No one knows how many of the published official letters advising economy are contradicted by telephone messages and private notes from the same writers authorizing extravagance.

#### Graft and Campaign Contributions

Another episode in the Quebec inquiry occurred at the residence of E. Audibert, bookkeeper of Mr. Durolet, a contractor who has received several hundreds of thousands from the government. It was shown that the Durolet firm had given commissions or presents to twenty-eight officers and employees of the marine department at Quebec. The commission went quite fully into this matter. But it was also generally understood that Mr. Durolet had made much larger payments in another direction which was still more useful in procuring and retaining government patronage. Counsel for one of the officers questioned bookkeeper Audibert on this matter, asking whether the firm had not made "large campaign contributions."

#### This Enquiry Burked.

Here the inquiry was abruptly headed off. Objection was raised at once. It did not come from Mr. Durolet or his representative,

It came from Mr. Perron, who was there as counsel for the government itself, and who in place of assisting the inquiry at the very point where it would be most effective, interposed his authority to choke it off. Mr. Perron's objection was sustained, and the inquiry went no further in that direction. It is well to remember that the late Mr. P. Fontaine was minister of marine when some of these subscriptions were made, and that Mr. Perron was his law partner at the time. Probably Mr. Perron knew how much had been contributed.

#### This Should Be Told.

What could be more pertinent in an investigation of marine department graft than the question whether the favored contractors were paying in campaign subscriptions for their special profits? No question in the whole inquiry at Quebec was more interesting to the public than this one, put to the representative of the firm which had received the greatest favours from the government, and whose alleged excessive charges was one element in the extravagant over expenditure of the government. If a firm making perhaps \$100,000 profits out of the people has corrupted local officials of the government by commissions of \$25 to \$2,000 each, that is a matter requiring investigation. But if this and other firms had a corrupt arrangement with the government itself, and paid into the campaign fund \$10,000 or \$25,000 or \$50,000 that is for each election, a still more vital matter. This is so not only because the amount is larger, but because the corrupt transaction is with the leaders of the party itself, and not with comparatively insignificant officials. There is evidence of guilt in the eagerness with which a government counsel, professing to prosecute an inquiry, throws himself into the breach to head off necessary and essential investigation into the conduct of his own leaders and employers.

#### A Narrow Escape.

Another Liberal provincial administration is in great danger. The Hazard government of Prince Edward Island should have gone to the country early this year, but postponed the election till after the Dominion contest. Only the success of the Laurier Government saved its provincial allies, and even with this advantage the success is doubtful. Returns show 16 Liberals to 14 Conservatives with one minister defeated, a great change from the last House with 21 Liberals and 9 Conservatives. With the Conservatives in control of provincial administrations of Ontario, Manitoba, British Columbia and New Brunswick, giving greatly improved administration compared with the machine governments which have been turned out, it is a pity that people of Prince Edward Island had not been allowed to settle this question without federal interference. In that province voting is open, and no federal employee or elector under federal influence can give an independent vote. Hence, two seats in Charlottetown, where there is a large railway vote, were allowed to go to the government without opposition.

#### The Session Delayed.

Three years ago it was decided that Parliament should meet there-

after in October or the beginning of November. To make this possible the fiscal year was closed in March instead of June. In 1906 Parliament met November 22. In 1907 it was not called until the end of November. Now we are informed that the next session will begin about the 20th of January. So the country is back where it was before the fiscal year was changed. It is no excuse that an election has been held. The election might have taken place a month or two earlier, or after the next session. In any case it is not necessary to postpone the meeting of Parliament three months after an election. The last time the late Conservative government summoned parliament for the session following an election was in 1891. The election was held in March and the House met in April.

#### Everything Behindhand.

But nothing is ready. The public accounts of the year which closed eight months ago are not yet issued. In fact none of the blue-books of the year are out, though the late government in November and December gave out reports of the years closing at the end of June.

Nor is any government legislation ready. The Insurance bill, which was supposed to follow the inquiry of 1906 was not even introduced in the following session. After waiting another year the government brought down a crude sort of measure which was kept before the House and the committee for months, and then dropped. It is understood that a new bill will be introduced next session, and that it is not yet prepared. Only two other measures are yet mentioned. One is to create a new department for Mr. Mackenzie King, and add another to the list of portfolios already too large. The second is to abridge the freedom of debate and enable the government to force a measure through the House with a limited amount of discussion. No great statesmanship is involved in these measures, but it is the way that Sir Wilfrid is finishing his work.

#### More Money Wanted.

Meanwhile Mr. Fielding is off for London. Anyone who watches public expenditure knows his errand. He is trying to borrow

more money. Old obligations are falling due and new ones are incurred with frightful rapidity. A few weeks ago the government offered in London a loan of \$25,000,000, but the investors did not take it readily, and the bonds remained with the underwriters. This time it is necessary for Mr. Fielding to take up the matter seriously, as the banks

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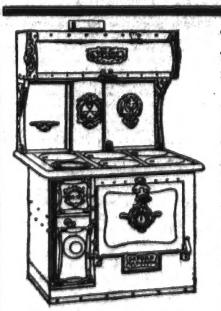
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# The Maze.

By HARRIET LUMMIS SMITH.  
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The maze was located a few rods from the hotel, its compact walls of stone rising ten feet high. The arched opening which reached through it was small. Lettie had never been in it before. "It's like a curving path of mystery," she said, "and gives her a chance to explain the past two years would not have been so difficult and sad. To smile, when your heart is heavy, to laugh, when others are crowding to your lips, to hide the secret of the past, the secret of mystery, is not an easy programme to carry out. Fative gave way suddenly to the luxury of self-pity, and the blinding tears ran down her cheeks.

"I'm afraid I'm a failure," she said. "I'm afraid that a man would never accept me." Inwardly she felt convinced of her ability to walk triumphantly to the center and out again. She looked at the clock. It was three-quarters of an hour before the coaching party was to start. Strange things that the conquest of a maze had been accomplished in that time.

Lettie stepped through the opening into the narrow path with its high, rough walls, pushing herself that she would not touch them. She was in the blithed of losing her way. And almost on the moment she forgot that possibility. The path was very narrow, so narrow that the most amiable pair could not have walked abreast. The dense foliage of the evergreen was for granite. Overhead was the blue California sky, and the breeze was weighted with the odors of uncounted millions of blossoms.

"What a delicious place!" thought Lettie, as she became more and more lost in evidence. She needed to herself a solitary pilgrim, following life's winding paths, not knowing where they led, satisfied with a glimpse of the sky overhead and the odors of unseen perfume.

In this peaceful, almost philosophical frame of mind Lettie turned a corner and came face to face with a young man. And the encounter was sufficient to work an immediate change in the current of her thoughts. She saw the wall of evergreen. If it about to fall.

"Jack!" she murmured faintly.

"Lettice!" cried the young man, and his tones were rapturous.

As he advanced with outstretched hands Lettie drew herself up. A sud-



"I SEE, AND I BEG YOUR PARDON," SAID LETTICE, AS SHE TURNED HER HEAD. Her sudden amazing dignity radiated from her slight figure. An expression of extreme bewilderment replaced her previous look of agitation.

"I beg your pardon," said Lettie, gazing at some indefinite object over the young man's head. "I am afraid I am intruding again."

The young man might have replied that the break in her voice and her sudden pallor were sufficient excuses for the indiscretion into which he had been betrayed. He did nothing the kind, however. He only stood and waited, his eyes fixed upon the girl, until the sight of her rejoiced his eyes.

"If you will kindly let me pass," continued Lettie, and the young man obligingly detached himself against the wall of foliage. But owing to the narrowness of the path he could not pass her as she was seated, and some thing in the contact weakened her resolution. She felt the tears rushing to her eyes, and her knees were unsteady.

Suddenly she decided that she had better turn back. She turned her head, and the wall behind her bent the boughs and lay down for a few moments before the coaching party. She was absurdly nervous and unstrung. Still she excused her weakness on the ground that there is something disconcerting in the presence of a man whom you have every reason to believe thousands of miles away. If by any chance you have ever been engaged in the person in question that, of course, adds to the complications.

Lettie quickened her pace. She walked with a rapid, nervous gait, her face flushed, her cheeks rendered her breathless. She was reflecting that she did not realize she had followed the winding path so far when she again found herself face to face with the young man whom she had met ten minutes before. On his countenance, however, she did not cry "Jack" or give similar indications of weakness. She drew back and looked him over with an air divided between surprise and contempt.

"If you will allow me to say so," Lettie began, "I should hardly expect you to take advantage of the situation to drag my footsteps in this way."

"And if you will allow me to say so," returned Jack, with more spirit than he had evidenced on the previous occasion, "it is like your customary ingratitude to accuse me of such a thing. So

far from dogging you, I am only interested in getting out of this wretched place."

"Perhaps you will allow me to pass, then," said Lettie, with a slight smile. She had done her best to be unobtrusive. "Please, Sir," replied. Again he fastened himself again against the evergreen, and again Lettie swept past him.

"Your customary injustice!" What a disagreeable phrase it was, and yet pleasant, too. Lettie had done her best to be unobtrusive. "Please, Sir," she said, and gives her a chance to explain the past two years would not have been so difficult and sad. To smile, when your heart is heavy, to laugh, when others are crowding to your lips, to hide the secret of the past, the secret of mystery, is not an easy programme to carry out. Fative gave way suddenly to the luxury of self-pity, and the blinding tears ran down her cheeks.

Half an hour later a young man, dressed and trowing, came face to face with Lettie. He was wearing a handkerchief to his eyes. Both stood still. The only break in the silence was a little muffled sob, and at the sound the young man's face contracted as if he were in pain.

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He is then taught to parade. In the parade his rider sits on his haunches, and the one who makes the horse controls the speed by means of the reins, which are fastened to the stirrups, thus keeping the tempo.

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**KING AND LORD MAYOR.**  
London Has Never had an Overlord and May Ear Out His Majesty.

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## Local and General.

**Mayor Trimble has called the annual town meeting for Saturday night, December 5, in the town hall.**

From the standpoint of the best interests of the town, the 1908 council took another long step backward in repealing the bylaw prohibiting voting by people who do not pay their taxes. The repeal of this important bylaw removes one of the strongest incentives to prompt payment of taxes and practically invites the lagards to leave their taxes unpaid.

The Stutta Theatre Co. played "Was She to Blame" to a good house. The play was fully up to its advertised merits and was well staged by this first class company. On Friday night "Kings Evidence" will be played. On Saturday afternoon "Ole Olson" will be put on for the matinee, and Saturday night the company will play "Bell's of Shandon."

Miss Malcolm, who has been chief operator of the long distance telephone line at Red Deer for three years has been appointed chief operator at the Lacombe branch where the most of the switching on the C. & E. line is done. Miss Malcolm has been very kindly and expert in her work and her many friends will be sorry to lose her. Mr. Everett Martin, formerly of Red Deer, is the new telephone agent at Lacombe.—Red Deer Advocate.

### Bailey Will Be Christmas Head-quarters.

In a few days I will add to my already large stock, the following articles: Table and couch covers, tapestry and chenille curtains, small trunks, tables, chairs, secretaries, rocking horses, doll carriages, numerous kinds of games. All of the above mentioned goods are useful presents and will be sold at a small profit.—BAILEY.

### Marriages.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. McGill, Pleasant Valley, on Wednesday, November 25, by Rev. A. S. Tod, B. D., John Scovil Martin of Crossfield and Florence May McGill. The happy couple left on the evening train for Crossfield, where they will reside.

At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Benjamin, Wittenburg, on Sunday, November 29, by Rev. Shope, William Brown and Mrs. Ada A. Kind. At 8 o'clock in the evening a bountiful wedding supper was served to the invited friends, all uniting in congratulations and best wishes to the newly married couple.

### Our Provincial Arms

As a Christmas remembrance to a friend at a distance nothing could be more appropriate than a

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Open evenings until Christmas

### Blindman River Railway.

Owing to a multiplicity of other important meetings for Saturday December 5th, it has been deemed advisable to postpone the Blindman River Railway meeting, at Bentley, to Saturday December 12.

### Blackfields.

Two of our local aimrods, Messrs. Carter and Blytheman succeeded in bringing down each for himself a mighty deer. Mr. Blytheman secured his near the juncture of the Blindman and Red Deer, while Mr. Carter, after many miles of travel, brought down his in the woods near Gull Lake.

This district is rapidly reverting to the dark ages. We have had in our midst for some months a minister, or troubadour, who like his ancient forefathers goes about from house to house reciting verses, partly of his own composition. Kipling's Absent Minded Beggar is not in it with our man. You would know at sight that he is a poet. He wears no hair of his own, but that is not his fault. The Lord seldom favors men with both hair and brains. Our friend has the latter in abundance and regales his friends and foes with snatches from The Stagitation Club. So excellent is the rhythm that the chairman of the school board thought it sufficient of a classic to be taught in the school and thus be handed down by tradition to future generations after the fashion of the ancients and aborigines. Unfortunately for his poetic taste and judgement he has seen fit to land one faction up to the skies and hold the poor Englishmen up to ridicule. For this our cleric poet was rudely brought to task some day when he is in one of his poetic flights and the world may lose a literary masterpiece. Encourage genius. When on his priestly visitations, ask him for some of his gems if you have not already seen or heard them. When your reporter's memory is sufficiently trained to retain one of these complete effusions he may send you a copy for publication.

The new school room is proving to be a refrigerator. If something is not done to remedy things, there will be kids in cold storage for next summer's use.

Our creamery stands high in the Provincial list. It has been economically managed and will pay a fair dividend to the stock holders.

### Communication.

We were always of the opinion that in the matter of obtaining free trade relations with our live stock with the United States, Mr. Geo. F. Root was correct. He, along with some two or three others exploited that market and found that the only real difficulty was the 20 per cent duty imposed on our cattle going into the United States. Subsequently that position has been materially strengthened by what has happened recently. The United States Congress have appointed a select committee to look after tariff conditions with outside countries with a view to revising their tariff which is to be considered early in March under the new president elect Taft, and three of these congressmen are now in Canada. What they want especially from Canada and in which they are open for reciprocity is wood, wood pulp and paper.

When asked by the Toronto News would they discuss the tariff they said: "We are not authorized of course to make any arrangements, for that of course would come only through diplomatic conference but the tariff will undoubtedly be discussed in our report. Mutual concessions and reduction of tariff is sure. Congress in revising will undoubtedly make a reduction pretty well along these lines said the congressman, we are ready for a special tariff with Canada for we want closer trade relations." Now here is the opportunity for our people come over here to spy out other tariff conditions of interest to their people why not our people do the same in their country. Now in the earlier history of Alberta Live Stock

### Hospital Fund.

Lacombe, Dec. 3.  
Interest on deposit for last three months ..... \$8.10  
Total of Sept. 3 ..... \$1079.30  
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Amount paid for hospital site ..... 311.50  
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## Xmas Suggestions

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### Annual Meeting of the Lacombe Agricultural Society.

The annual meeting of the Lacombe Agricultural Society will be held in Mobley's hall on Saturday, December 5th, at 2:30 p. m. As this has been a year of much business and large expenditure it is requested that all members be present at the annual meeting.

N. E. CARRUTHERS,  
Secty. Treas.

### Obituary.

Raymond Otis Henry, son of Albert A. and Dorothy Henry, was born near Lox Iowa, November 8, 1886. He moved with his parents to Alberta, Canada the spring of 1901 where he has since resided. He was married June 5th, 1907 to Miss Anna Mackenzie. He died November 26, 1908 after an illness of several weeks leaving a wife and 7 month old son also father, mother, six sisters and one brother and many other relatives and friends to mourn his death.

The remains were laid to rest in Lacombe cemetery on November 28th, the funeral being one of the most largely attended ever held in Lacombe.

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